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REF: A. NIGRO-FITZGERALD EMAILS

1B. NIGRO-OP CENTER EMAILS

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Classified By: Ambassador Louis J. Nigro, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

11. (U) This is an action message: See para 3 and 6.

KHALIL IBRAHIM ON INTERPOL WATCH LIST

- 12. (C) We understand that a "Red Notice" for JEM leader Khalil Ibrahim was placed on an INTERPOL list at the request of Sudan in May 2007. We are unclear what implications, if any, this may have for the USG and the GoC. The notification indicates that the GoS has issued a warrant for Khalil's arrest for allegations of "murder, incitement, assault and terrorism." According to the terms of the Red Notice, the GoS requests detention of Khalil as a first step toward extradition, should he be detained in a country with an extradition treaty with Sudan. Chad has no extradition treaty with Sudan. As we understand it, because the Interpol list is an information-sharing tool only, the GoC is not obliged to inform Interpol of Khalil's whereabouts.
- 13. (C) ACTION REQUEST: That the Department tell us what the implications for this Mission are, if any, of the INTERPOL action vis-a-vis Khalil Ibrahim, regarding our relations with the GOC and regarding our contacts with JEM.

JEM SEEKS DEAL ON "CIVIL SOCIETY" REPS IN DOHA

¶4. (C) One of Khalil's close advisors approached Embassy staff October 23 to discuss Khalil's pique at not feeling he had the right to select his own accompanying "civil society" representatives to UN/AU Negotiator Djibrill Bassole's conference with such reps in Doha in the coming weeks

- (reftel). The cousin proposed that S/USSES Gration and Bassole come up with lists of individuals who could form part of a civil society delegation to accompany the JEM to Doha, just as the U.S. had "approved" (in the JEM's thinking) the civil society reps accompanying the GoS to the event. According to the cousin, the SLA might have ideas of its own about civil society reps who would accompany that organization to the next Doha event.
- 15. (C) We are prepared to meet with Khalil or his advisors here, as we did last week, to pass messages or seek information regarding JEM actions and policies.
- 16. (C) ACTION REQUEST: That the Department provide guidance and talking points as appropriate if and when it wants us to engage with JEM.
  NIGRO